

**US 113 North/South Study  
Public Workshop #1 Comment Form Summary**

**Area:** Georgetown Area

**Date:** October 22, 2003

**Number of Written Responses Received:** 11

**Number of Meeting Attendees:** 61

**Response Summary:**

1. Regarding the video:

a. What do you agree with?

- I like the idea of making the existing road better instead of building a new road. Preserving the trees and land is important. I also like the idea of planning ahead instead of waiting and being sorry.
- I agree as to the need for highway modification and improvement to address traffic volume and safety. I agree that community character and natural resources should be preserved.
- That improvements are needed.
- Need to improve existing roadway.
- That we should proceed to study feasibility of upgrading current road, US Rt. 113.
- That the highway is in need of upgrade; and to cut off the feeder roads without putting the public interest in jeopardy of losing business or frontage.
- Traffic problem. We must start planning now – not wait until we are gridlocked.
- Must deal with traffic today rather than later. Already too difficult to get around in summer, even on 113.

b. What do you disagree with?

- Construction of previously proposed bypasses.
- That, in all, the environment will have to be compromised for quality of human life. Set aside areas for impact.

2. What do you see as the pressing current and future transportation needs and problems in the Georgetown area?

- I don't know how they are going to make it through Milford, Georgetown, Millsboro with the "limited access" idea.
- Existing intersections with traffic lights and other problems. Travel not just north and south but traffic flow east/west.
- Need a bypass. (2 people)
- Diagonal and north/south routes between Rt. 13 and Rt. 113 between Millsboro-Georgetown and Laurel-Seaford areas.
- Congestion, especially in summer, on the roads as they currently exist. I live on the west side of Rt. 113 and work on the east side just 2 miles away. Sometimes it takes 10-20 minutes to get home due to summer traffic.
- Widening 404 west by the DTCC College to 4 lanes; make it easier for students and public to access 404 and 113. Direct traffic away from college to less traveled roads; i.e. Rt. 9, Rt. 20
- Entrance to 113 from driveways, etc.

3. What do you think should be done to address these needs and problems?
  - Especially in Milford – I think that they need to build a road around the town of Milford.
  - Sound planning. Community input.
  - Do what we have been talking about for 30 years. The study was made 10-15 years ago, but nothing was done.
  - A bypass road between 13 and 113 would help the above problem.
  - Greater use of public transportation systems.
  - Widening 404 to 4 lanes.
  - Plan now and put plans into completed tasks. Don't file the plans in dead storage. The longer we wait, the land becomes more expensive. Possibly build a new North-South limited highway through Sussex County.
  - Limited access or bypass. Need to consult with traffic designers that have experience in high traffic areas; i.e. Baltimore/Washington, Dallas, LA.
4. Do you have any questions, comments or additions regarding the growth, land use environmental or historic resource information that was displayed?
  - I believe we need to preserve our natural resources, especially the wooded land of the county.
  - How long will it take until something is done to 404 and 113. How many lives need to be lost or accidents to provide proof of this need?
5. Do you have any questions, comments or additions regarding the transportation displays?
  - No comments.
6. Do you have suggestions or comments regarding the displays, or other aspects of this evening's workshop?
  - Thank you for providing the information in Spanish.
  - The displays were very well done and quite informative. They definitely showed the negative impact of any highway system proposed other than the upgrade to the current roadway.
  - Recommend rail service from lower DE to stations north, like Amtrak, to connect with DC, Philadelphia, NYC.